

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SUDHEER RAO MOTURI,

Petitioner,

v.

NATHALIE ASHER, Director of the Seattle  
Field Office of U.S. Immigration and  
Customs Enforcement; et al.,

Respondents.

CASE NO. C19-2023 RSM-BAT

MINUTE ORDER

The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge:

On April 28, 2020, Respondents filed a Notice of Supplemental Authority attaching four declarations. Dkt. #42. Respondents filed three of the declarations under seal (Dkt. #43) and concurrently filed a Motion to Seal (Dkt. #41). Local Civil Rule 7(n) provides that prior to the Court ruling “on a pending motion, a party may bring to the court’s attention relevant authority issued after the date the party’s last brief was filed by serving and filing a Notice of Supplemental Authority that attaches the supplemental authority without argument.” LCR 7(n).

The Court has never interpreted that rule to allow a party to submit substantive evidence after briefing has been completed. *See United States v. Microsoft Corp.*, No. C15-102RSM, 2015

1 WL 4496749, at \*2 n.1 (W.D. Wash. June 17, 2015) (noting that LCR 7(n) provides a process  
2 “to bring new *authority* to the Court’s attention, not new evidence”) (emphasis in original);  
3 *Blough v. Shea Homes, Inc.*, No. C12-1493RSM, 2014 WL 3694231, at \*18 (W.D. Wash. July  
4 23, 2014) (striking supplemental exhibit filed, without leave of the Court, after the noting date).

5 Accordingly, the Court STRIKES the declarations (Dkt. #42-1; Dkt. #43; Dkt. #43-1; and  
6 Dkt. #43-2) as procedurally improper. Because the Court strikes the declarations filed under seal  
7 from the record, the Court DENIES Respondent’s Motion to Seal (Dkt. #41) as moot.

8 DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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10 WILLIAM McCOOL, Clerk

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